

# Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

12/4/18



## Greetings Brookside Families,

### YMCA Play Everyday Returns!

I am pleased to announce that Brookside will have a new recess coach! *Play Everyday* is a grant-funded program that places a YMCA *recess coach* at Shoreline elementary schools twice per week. It is made possible through the generosity of the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and Dale Turner YMCA. Coach Eric is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys climbing, skiing, and backpacking...and he was a Brookside student in grades K-6! Coach Eric will organize activities and games for children over the course of our lunch recesses on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting this week. By engaging in positive cooperative activities at recess, students learn social and interpersonal skills that carry into the classroom and beyond. Brain research also shows direct ties between physical activity, increased oxygen to the brain, and an enhanced capacity to learn new concepts afterwards. The program is also another way we can encourage students who are lonely to be a part of some organized fun. Our regular recess staff will continue their focus on supervision, student safety, and mediating conflicts when they occur.

### Science on Wheels

Thanks to a generous District-wide grant from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation, the Pacific Science Center's *Science on Wheels* program is coming to Brookside just before we go on Winter Break. This grant affords all of our students the ability to participate with an assembly and visit the mini science center exhibits that will be set up in our school. Plus our intermediate grade students will engage in physics workshops with their classmates over the course of the day...and our own Brookside PTA has generously bolstered this funding so that ALL of our students will participate in that part of the program! Our staff is so appreciative of this support from both the Foundation and all of you, the Brookside PTA. There are three parts to the program:

**Assembly:** We start the day off the day on 12/21 with an entertaining and engaging School Assembly that brings science to life on stage and ignites curiosity in students for the rest of the day of learning. This show pops with exciting and amazing demonstrations! Explore the properties of a mystery liquid (liquid nitrogen) and be shocked and amazed by a Van de Graff generator. Focus on physics as lids mysteriously pop off cans and hairdos become electrified!

**Classroom Workshops:** These focus on the physics topics included in the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS): This 45-minute workshop will generate excitement for electricity, resonate interest in sound waves, use lenses to enlighten and more! Design simple machines to lift objects high in the air, experiment with the intricacies of light and the mysteries of color, and design their own solutions to make magnets float! Since we are expanding this portion to include all of our classrooms, some classes will engage this 12/20, others on 12/21.

**Mini Science Center Exhibits:** Throughout the day on 12/21, our students will explore experiments and activities through portable exhibit sets. Each class will spend 30-minutes interacting with the exhibits. We seek volunteers for this portion of the program; if you are able to join us please follow these instructions:

- 1) Click this link: <http://signup.com/go/LcMYEnw>
- 2) Review the options and select the times where you can join us.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy and you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password with SignUp.com.

Thank you for supporting to our students, staff, & school,  
Principal John Simard